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Applicant INNOMED LIMITED			

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

COMPOSITIONS OF SEMI-INTERPENETRATING POLYMER NETWORK

5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. With regard to the drawings,

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Novel compositions consisting of semi-interpenetrating network of cross-linked water soluble derivatives of basic polysaccharides and a non-cross-linked component, which is an anionic polysaccharide are provided. Methods for the production of such compositions are also disclosed. Preferably the basic polysaccharide is chitosan or a derivative thereof and the anionic polysaccharide is hyaluronic acid. The compositions can be formed into gels or films, for example, and thus find use in a wide range of medical applications in the fields of dermatology, plastic surgery, urology and orthopaedics.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C08L5/08 A61L27/26

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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